**Forever Young: Narrative Writing Prompt**

This week we will begin our **narrative writing** adventure by focusing on one of the most powerful ideas from our summer reading book Tuck Everlasting.

*A character’s life is changed forever when they accidentally discover how to gain eternal life. Everything begins to change. But someone wants the source for themselves. Before they know it, they are locked into the fight of their lives.*

Students may choose their own **setting**, **characters**, **characterization**, and **time** **period**. They will be assessed on how well they follow the **structure** of the Elements of Plot.

Below you will find a checklist of all the elements your story must include. You must be able to check every box before you can submit your story.

☐ **Conflict** 1 (the story must include at least two conflicts)

☐ **Conflict** 2 (the story must include at least two conflicts)

☐ **Exposition** (an introduction of the characters, setting and time period)

☐ **Exciting Force** (the event that sparks the **main conflict**)

☐ **Rising Action** (events that cause increasing tension before the climax)

☐ **Climax!** (The highest point of action, emotion, or tension)

☐ **Falling Action** (the events that happen after the climax and lead to a resolution)

☐ **Resolution** (the point in the story where all problems are resolved and everything returns to order)

☐ **Full Completion** of Narrative Writing Planning Sheet 1

☐ **Full Completion** of Narrative Writing Planning Sheet 2

☐ Proper **spelling**, **grammar**, **subject-verb agreement, capitalization**, and **punctuation**.

☐ Proper use of **dialogue** with **correct punctuation**.

☐ The finished product should include the **student’s name**, **the teacher’s name**, and the **class period**. This information should be in the **top right corner** of the **first** **page**.

☐ The finished product has the **title** of the story **centered** on the **first** **page** of the story with a **line** **break** before the first sentence of the story. To create a line break hit the Enter key twice or skip one line on your paper.

Remember, a good narrative: • Establishes a clear point of view • Focuses closely on one character or characters • Uses strong sensory details to make the character(s) and event come alive • Uses precise language • May use dialogue and description to capture the character(s) and event • Concludes effectively